

## **Joshua Harding – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Joshua Harding was the son of Joseph Harding and Bethiah Cooke. He was born in Eastham in 1676. He was one of ten children and he had four brothers. Joshua and his brother Josiah received the most land grants of the five brothers. Many Eastham second and third generation Hardings received Eastham land grants.

1703

Granted to Joshua Harding and his heirs about one-quarter acre on the southeast side of Town Cove near land he bought from Joshua Hopkins and near the way that went to Tonset. Bounds were indicated by stones marked J H. PDF A266, M138, P105, S91.

Granted to Joshua Harding and George Shaw and their heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet Flats or Low Meadow between Pochet Island and Sampson's Island. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about five acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A270, M147.

Granted to Joshua Harding and Samuel Mayo Sr. and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow near the beach and next to the lot of John Sparrow and James Rogers. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF M158, S88.

1704

Granted to Joshua Harding the liberty to plant a garden on Town land near his dwelling house. The garden was less than one-quarter acre. PDF P114.

1710

Granted to Joshua Harding and his heirs about nine acres of upland on the southeast side of Town Cove in exchange with the Town for about nine acres of upland which Joshua Harding had purchased from Ensign Joseph Myrick. Bounds of the grant were indicated by stones marked J H. PDF A180, M83, M84.

## 1711

Granted to Joshua Harding and his heirs about four acres of upland on the southeasterly side of Town Cove and easterly of his other land. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T54.

Granted to Joshua Harding and his heirs about four acres on the easterly side of Jonathan Higgins' land and next to the way that went to the head of Skaket. PDF T54.

Granted to Joshua Harding and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot on the northern side of Second Brook and next to Nicholas Paine's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T54.

Granted to Joshua Harding, John Brown, Thomas Cole, Abia Harding, Joshua Hopkins and Theophilus Mayo in joint and equal partnership a lot on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. Acreage or dimensions were not given but most of these lots were about six or seven acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T90.

## 1715

Granted to Joshua Harding and his heirs three parcels of land. The first parcel was about five acres on the southeasterly side of Town Cove between his land and land of Samuel Knowles Jr. The second parcel was by the Great Rock by the way that went to Harwich and next to land of the Ministry. The dimensions indicate this parcel was about thirteen acres. Bounds were indicated by stones and marked trees. The third parcel was near James Higgins' barn. The dimensions indicate this parcel was about three acres. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T224.

Granted to Joshua Harding and his heirs a wood lot of about twenty-nine acres near the mouth of Blackfish Creek and near the meadow of John Cole Jr. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T281.

The Eastham land owned by Joshua Harding and his heirs described in these records amounts to about eighty acres. By 1745 fourteen more Hardings received Eastham land grants.